## **CLAIMS**

- An Integrated Heat Spreader / Integrated Stiffener (IHS/IS) to provide stiffening support to a substrate.
- An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, arranged to provide stiffening support to one of a thincore and coreless substrate of a ceramic, flex, and an integrated circuit printed circuit board (IC-PCB) carrier package.
- 3. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2, the package being one of a pinned grid array (PGA), and a ball grid array (BGA) carrier package.
- 4. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 2, the package being one of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 5. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS substantially made of a thermally conductive material, formed as one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded and deposited IHS/IS, and is capable of withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.
- 6. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS having an integrated stiffener extension which is substantially planar stiffener for mounting to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.

- 7. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS having an internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, and die side component (DSC).
  - 8. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS being attached in multiple parts.
- 9. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, having an above-substrate cavity-height when mounted, which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate height, of a mounted IC-die.
- 10. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS having a bottom surface when mounted, which is substantially co-planar with, when mounted, a top surface of a combination of an IC-die with interface material.
  - 11. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS being adapted to support a heat sink.
  - 12. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS having an integrated cooling structure.
- 13. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS being electrically connected to the substrate.

- 14. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the IHS/IS being electrically insulated from the substrate.
- 15. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener for mounting to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.
- 16. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section adapted to mate with side surfaces of the substrate.
- 17. An IHS/IS as claimed in claim 1, the integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener where portion of the edge/ring stiffener is adapted to be pre-attached to the substrate by an carrier package manufacturer.
  - 18. A carrier package comprising:
  - one of a thin-core and coreless substrate of one of a ceramic, a flex, and an IC-PCB; and an IHS/IS arranged to provide stiffening support mounted to said substrate.
- A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the package being one of a pinned grid array
  (PGA), and a ball grid array (BGA) carrier package.

- 20. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the package being one of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 21. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS substantially made of a thermally conductive material, formed as one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded and deposited IHS/IS, and is capable of withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.
- 22. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having an integrated stiffener extension which is substantially planar for mounting to a substantially planar die-side surface of the substrate.
- 23. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having an internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, and die side component (DSC).
  - 24. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS being attached in multiple parts.
- 25. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having an above-substrate cavity height when mounted, which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate plane-height, when mounted of an IC-die.

- 26. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having a bottom surface when mounted, which is substantially co-planar with, when mounted, a top surface of a combination of an IC-die with interface material.
- 27. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS being adapted to support a heat sink.
- 28. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having an integrated cooling structure.
- 29. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS being electrically connected to the substrate.
- 30. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS being electrically insulated from the substrate.
- 31. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener for mounting to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.

- 32. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section, adapted to mate with side surfaces of the substrate.
- 33. A carrier package as claimed in claim 18, the IHS/IS having integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener where portion of the edge/ring stiffener is adapted to be pre-attached to the substrate by a carrier package manufacturer.
  - 34. A packaged integrated circuit (IC) comprising:

one of a ceramic, flex, and an IC-PCB carrier package including one of a thin-core and coreless substrate; and

an IHS/IS arranged to provide stiffening support mounted to said substrate.

- 35. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the carrier package being one of a pin grid array (PGA), and a ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.
- 36. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the carrier package being one of a flip chip pin grid array (FC-PGA), and a flip chip ball grid array (FC-BGA) carrier package.

- 37. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, where the IHS/IS is substantially made of a thermally conductive material, formed as one of a molded, stamped, etched, extruded and deposited IHS/IS, and is capable of withstanding temperatures of at least normal IC operation.
- 38. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS having an integrated stiffener extensions which is substantially planar for mounting to a substantially planar die-side major planar surface of the substrate.
- 39. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS having an internal cavity therein to provide clearance for at least one of a die, underfill, die-side component (DSC).
  - 40. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS being attached in multiple parts.
- 41. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS having an above-substrate cavity-height when mounted, which is one of equal to, and greater than, an above-substrate height, of a mounted IC-die.
- 42. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS having a bottom surface when mounted, which is substantially co-planar with, when mounted, a top surface of a combination of an IC-die with interface material.

- 43. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS being adapted to support a heat sink.
- 44. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS having an integrated cooling structure.
- 45. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS being electrically connected to the substrate.
- 46. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS being electrically insulated from the substrate.
- 47. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS with integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener for mounting to minor-planar side surfaces of the substrate.
- 48. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS with integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener having a non-flat cross section adapted to mate with side surfaces of the substrate.
- 49. A packaged IC as claimed in claim 34, the IHS/IS Stiffener with the integrated stiffener portion being an edge/ring stiffener where portion of the edge stiffener is adapted to be pre-attached to the substrate by an IC-PCB carrier package manufacturer.